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In re Application of: Rueppel *et al.*

Serial No. 09/744,621

Filing Date: February 15, 2001

For: Microparticles Produced From
Cyclic Olefin Copolymers And Their
Use For The Controlled Release Of
Active Agents

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Group Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: Tran, Susan T.

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ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2001, the applicants elect Group

I with traverse, drawn to composition and method of controlled release microparticle
424/489 with traverse. Claims 16-33 read on this group. The applicants believe that
there is no undue burden on the Examiner to search these groups.

No additional fee is due. If there are any additional fees due in connection with
the filing of this response, including any fees required for an additional extension of time
under 37 C.F.R. 1.136, such an extension is requested and the Commissioner is
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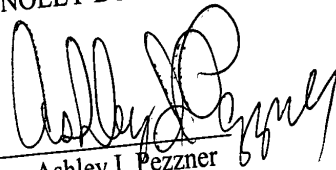
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A prompt and favorable action is solicited.

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